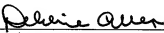


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: §
SHUMWAY ET AL. § Group Art Unit: 1712
Serial No.: 10/799,810 §
Filed: MARCH 12, 2004 §
Title: "SURFACTANT-FREE EMULSIONS AND §
METHODS OF USE THEREOF" § Examiner: FIGUEROA, JOHN J.
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| <p>CERTIFICATE OF FILING ELECTRONICALLY VIA EFS MPEP 503</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE VIA EFS (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED TO:</p> <p>HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</p> <p> DEBBIE ALLEN</p> <p>DATE OF SUBMISSION: ELECTRONIC FILING (EFS)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 15, 2007</p> |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 15, 2006 (the “Final Office Action”), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper;
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.